GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have imposed a cess of Rs. 1.50 per litre on both petrol and diesel for the road sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount so far collected and likely to be collected in this way; and

(d) the amount out of this cess so far distributed or proposed to be distributed to each State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The cess on petrol and diesel has been increased from Rs.1.0 per litre to Rs. 1.50 per litre through the budget of 2003-04.

(c) The amount so far collected this year 2003-04 from cess on petrol and diesel is Rs.2874 crore upto August, 2003 (provisional figure) and total amount likely to be collected this year is Rs.9,000 crore.

(d) The amount distributed during the current financial year to the States so far out of Central Road Fund for development and maintenance of State Roads is given at Annexure. Central Road Fund constitutes nearly 18 per cent of the total cess amount.